

RESOLUTION NO. 2019- 259

A RESOLUTION COMMENDING VINELAND'S SINGING AMBASSADORS.

WHEREAS, Vineland's Singing Ambassadors, organized in 1957 as the Vineland Community Chorus, have entertained generations of music lovers; and

WHEREAS, former Mayor Henry A. Garton, Jr. dubbed the chorus the "Singing Ambassadors" and that name became synonymous with the group; and

WHEREAS, befitting their moniker, the Singing Ambassadors have performed not only in Vineland and Cumberland County, but throughout the eastern United States, including the Ocean City Music Pier, the Garden Pier, Cape May County Park, the Philadelphia Flower Show, Disney World, the Hyannis Street Festival in Massachusetts, and Canada; and

WHEREAS, the Singing Ambassadors has a membership of approximately twenty-five voices of members ranging in age from their twenties to their eighties, and have been supported by the City of Vineland, the Cumberland County Cultural and Heritage Commission and the New Jersey Council on the Arts; and

WHEREAS, the Singing Ambassadors are under the direction of Kyle Sheppard; the current President is Donna Strain, and they have been fortunate to have had accomplished soloists and instrumentalists who perform with them on a regular basis.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Governing Body of the City of Vineland commends and thanks Vineland's Singing Ambassadors, noting that the group's final concert was on June 1, 2019 at Vineland High School South. We thank all who performed with the chorus over the years to bring music and joy to the citizens of Vineland.

Adopted:

President of Council

ATTEST:

Municipal Clerk

H: Commending Resolution (Singing Ambassadors 2019)